

### REMARKS

Favorable consideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested. Claims 18-35 are pending, Claims 1-17 having been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer and Claims 18-35 having been added by way of the present amendment. New Claims 18-35 find support in original Claims 1-17, and thus add no new matter. An Abstract has been added, consistent with U.S. patent drafting procedure.

Because several amendments have been made to the specification, consistent with U.S. patent drafting practice, a substitute specification is filed herewith in addition to a marked-up copy of the original application. Please enter this substitute specification. To the extent any changes made by the substitute specification are deemed to be substantively inconsistent with the originally filed specification, these changes should be construed as typographical errors and the language included in the originally-filed PCT application should be construed as containing the controlling language.

The present document is one of a set of patent applications containing related technology as was discussed in "response to petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.182 seeking special treatment relating to an electronic search tool, and decision on petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.183 seeking waiver of requirements under 37 C.F.R. §1.98," filed in the holding application (U.S. Patent Application No. 09/147,325). Consistent with this decision, a copy of the decision is filed herewith. Also, an Information Disclosure Statement is filed herewith including a PTO Form 1449 with references that are included as part of the specially-created official digest in class 174. It is believed that submission of these materials and the reference to the holding application (Serial No. 09/147,325) is sufficient for the present Examiner to consider the references in the holding application, consistent with the decision.

In view of the present amendment and in light of the foregoing comments, an examination on the merits is believed to be in order and an early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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